

AD HOC HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Minutes 4-27-23 Zoom Meeting 3:30 PM

ATTENDING: Chair Allen Foley, Ian Tompkins, Liz Vogel, Juliana Torres, Jim Grebe, Mayor Poppa, Council members Tom Madigan, Kate Raglow, Miel Castagna-Herrera. Also Keith Moody, Anna Jacobson, Jan Faidley.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved.

Introductions and welcome to Councilmember Miel Castagna-Herrera, joining our committee.

Anna Jacobson described her proposal to serve as a paid consultant to the committee. She would seek to engage and partner groups underrepresented in Roeland Park's documented history, to amend the written record, and show a more complete picture of the city's history. The current city history book, *Roeland Park Thru the Years in Roeland Park, Kansas*, was written in 1996. The proposal does not include an update covering the past twenty-five years. The committee would favor an update and Keith will meet with Anna and discuss this.

Mayor Poppa reported on his recent visit, along with Councilmember Castagna-Herrera, to the K.C. Indian Center. He learned of their negative feelings regarding the trail signs portraying a covered wagon and use of the Santa Fe name only.

Anna left the meeting and Allen called for a vote to approve Anna's proposal. The committee voted unanimously YES.

Allen presented examples of the Santa Fe Trail signs, Native-American names and an example of the costs of two sizes of signs from Smart Sign.

Ian reported that he could find no additional information regarding the origin of the Roesland School name. Tom will send him material.

We discussed Miel's suggestion that the committee should consider meeting in person.

Tom will keep us updated regarding the Council's actions regarding Anna's proposal.

Adjournment at 5:00 PM.

Humbly submitted,

Jim Grebe